



Board Meeting

MEETING NOTES

January 11, 2023

1. Latest Headlines and Industry News – Board Members

Opportunity for board members to provide news on their organization or projects.

Shellie Gin noted the change in Sun Link's General Manager. John Zukas is replacing John Kortekaas, who is retiring. *Shellie also wanted to let you know that Tucson will continue their no fare policy through June 30, 2023, and is considering making this policy permanent.*

Erik Yingling reported that Stacy and Witbeck, Inc just put in a proposal to build a streetcar line extension.

Tom Gerend just amended their O&M contract with Herzog to include startup for two expansion projects. KC Streetcar is working on hiring 50 additional people. With the rising cost of materials, Tom was relieved to see that expansion joints for tram rail came in at only a 9% increase over the original estimates, which was much better than the 30% overages they had seen on other parts of the project. Carl Jackson tacked on that some parts of the country were experiencing as much as 25% increases on expansion joints.

Tom also noted that the Omnibus Budget Bill included \$460 million in supplemental CIG funds but only for large projects with a local match of \$800 million or more.

Henry Ikwut-Ukwa is celebrating that Valley Metro received \$21 million for the South Central Extension from the Omnibus Bill.

2. February Virtual Summit

Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 1:00 PM CST, the CSC will have a virtual summit featuring Shellie Gin, Tucson, Curtis Ailes, Seattle, Dan Bower, Portland, and Tom Gerend, Kansas City, to talk about governance and funding. You should have a calendar notice for this event.

At Shellie Gin's Request, Christy will set up a prep call for the speakers the week before the Virtual Summit in order to prepare.

3. April Summit

- Registration-Available online; At the early bird rate of \$150 members/\$275 non-members through January 31
- Sponsorships- Listed online; Available by event or general
- Agenda- Draft is posted; Summit Planning Committee is meeting January 18 to finalize speaker invitations; FTA plans to participate and offer one on one meetings
- Numbers So Far- 12 early-bird registrations; ~~\$14,500~~ \$27,000 in committed sponsorships

4. 2024 Summit

The City of Charlotte is next in line to host the 2024 Summit. The Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) has sent CSC a letter inviting the Coalition and pledging support. The Board is being asked to send a letter in response.

Dan Bower made the motion and Tom Gerend seconded to accept the Charlotte Area Transit System's proposal to host the 2024 Summit.

Jon Schlegel noted that there was a list of Summit Host Cities prior to the pandemic, and now that we've finally caught up, we need to set up a new list.

Dan agreed and said there should be a process for selecting host cities. He stated that he would work with staff and the executive board members to develop a selection process.

Shellie Gin added that the board should consider the location, so as not to clump the host cities in one part of the US.

Carl Jackson agreed and noted that things like timing and potential benefits to the host city should weigh in as part of the criteria.

Dan stated that he would bring the selection process back to the board in March.

5. Working Groups

- **Membership**-Carl Jackson agreed to Chair. The goals of this group are to identify new members, make recommendations for the dues structure, and give input to staff on how to better engage existing members.
- **Legislative Agenda**- Bill Umbenhaur agreed to Chair. The goal of this group is to develop a list of potential legislative items that the coalition members would mutually benefit from and could possibly lobby together or use as part of individual lobbying efforts. Bill asked about the conflicts of 501c3 status with lobbying efforts. Brandi Bird shared that her research showed that as long as the Coalition used less than 20% of income to lobby, the organization is within tax code regulations.
- **Communications**- Board Member Lead- Andrew Plambeck, staffed by Kristin Jenkins- Andrew reported that they had an informal meeting, where OKC, KC, Portland, and Milwaukee shared recent activities. Andrew also invited other communities to join the monthly meetings.
- **Combined Procurements**- Board Member Lead-Dan Bower, staffed by Brandi Bird- Dan reported that the process of doing a joint procurement may prove to be too difficult. However, the participating communities can share information like scope, timing and other resources. Brandi Bird mentioned that the group may want to consider a parts consortium. David McDonald asked to be added to the group.

6. Survey

In the January Newsletter, we posted a survey to determine which conferences our membership is attending to better plan related events this year. Please be sure you take the survey:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/p052F4e>